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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,057,053, inventor Gibb, issued May 2, 2000;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,466,354, inventors Leonida et al., issued November 14, 1995;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,366,823, inventors Leonida et al., issued November 22, 1994;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,350,496, inventors Smith et al., issued September 27, 1994;
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,324,565, inventors Leonida et al., issued June 28, 1994;
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,316,644, inventors Titterington et al., issued May 31, 1994;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,009,968, inventors Guthrie et al., issued April 23, 1991;
8. Coker et al., "Industrial and Government Applications of SPE Fuel Cell and Electrolyzers," presented at The Case Western Symposium on "Membranes and Ionic and Electronic Conducting Polymer," May 17-19, 1982, Cleveland, Ohio; and
9. Co-pending, commonly-assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/827,368, inventors Anthony B. LaConti, William A. Titterington, Larry L. Swette and Ricardo Leon, filed April 5, 2001.

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided with this paper. In addition, these

documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

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